

ask you a question and I want to have you think about this a little. Why do you suppose that this year of all years the Game and Parks Department wants to be turned loose from being tied down politically and doing political campaigning and it has never been brought to this group's attention before. Think of that. I think that you should really think about giving the Game and Parks Department free reign to campaign as they want. This will be one of the best public supported campaign machines that we have ever devised, paid for with your automobiles that are provided, phones that you are providing, officers running around at all hours of the day and night across the state campaigning for anybody that they want to. I think that you ought to think about the bill a little bit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Nichol would have us believe that former Senator Mahoney would be cranking up his machine even though he....probably the one from south Omaha, is he going to bring that one down and keep on working into the night, working for God knows what, obviously not for Senator Nichol's re-election. I guess that is what he is concerned about. I would suggest that if he was going to do that the law, whether we pass this particular law or not I don't think would have any affect, I think if people are going to do it, they are going to do it. I don't think that type of thing is going to happen. I think that is getting scared of the proverbial "boogy man" as somebody else has once said. I really wanted to address myself to some of the remarks that Senator Duis made, because on the one hand he made them saying that he was trying to help the employees, that is what you said Senator Duis that you were going to try to help the employee? Senator Duis....Senator Duis, you said that you were going to try and...you agree with everything I said? I just said that you were wrong. You said that you were going to try and help the employee and that this bill would not do that. Now I for the life of me can't understand how putting down restrictions which limits the amount of activity that they have is going to help the employee. It is going to tie their hands. Again, I would refer you, as we had a discussion yesterday about the article that Senator Newell passed around about an employee of Lincoln who had to go through expensive court costs, who had been relieved of his job because he proceeded to stand up for his rights, and finally he took the case to court because he had enough gumption and he had enough intestinal fortitude, and he had enough money fortunately to do it and he won. I would say to you Senator Duis that this Legislature has a responsibility to all of the citizens of the State of Nebraska. The responsibility is to take care of something that is unconstitutional. I would suggest to you that court cases are proven time and time again that public employees have rights. Those rights are that they can campaign for people in office that they have a right to do that. What you are suggesting Senator Duis is that these people are second class citizens and that they do not have rights. They should be put back in their caves, they should be allowed to stay there. Now, if you want to do that, that certainly is your prerogative. I can't possibly understand how under any stretch of the imagination you could say that you are going to increase their rights, you are going to allow them more flexibility, because what you are doing